2001 Excellence Awards Recipients
New Brunswick Arts Board

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FREDERICTON (NBAB) – The New Brunswick Arts Board announced today that the recipients of the 2001 Excellence Awards in the Arts are:

Michel Cardin, André Thaddée Bourque and Louise Manny Award for excellence in music; **Douglas Lochhead**, Alden Nowlan Award for Excellence in English-language literary arts; as well as **Ludmila Knezkova-Hussey** and **Normand Robichaud**, joint recipients of the Award for Excellence in Community Cultural Development.

The Excellence Awards Program is designed to recognize the outstanding contribution of certain individuals to the arts and establishes standards of artistic excellence for New Brunswick residents.

" it is wonderful that these outstanding artists and Community leaders have been recognized by a jury of their peers" said Richard Hornsby, New Brunswick Arts Board chair.

Minister Elvy Robichaud, responsible for the Culture and Sport Secretariat congratulated the 2001 recipients, "The Excellence Awards in the Arts are a celebration of the achievements of artists and leaders in New Brunswick's cultural community. We are very proud of this year's recipients and on behalf of all New Brunswickers I offer them our sincere congratulations".

Michel Cardin, Silver medallist of the Royal Society of the Arts (1984) and 1998 recipients of the Prix Opus for album of the year by the Conseil Québecois de Musique is a lutenist of international repute. His lute playing has been enjoyed in concerts all over the North America and Europe. His passionate pursuit of music is documented by his impressive discography, which has been celebrated for their outstanding musicianship and musicological erudition by critics in Europe and North America. He is also an active presence within the world of Canadian music, with concerts and recordings broadcast over CBC and Radio-Canada. Mr. Cardin is also a Professor of Music at the Université de Moncton.

"No English writer living in New Brunswick is more worthy to receive the Alden Nowlan Award for Excellence in English language literary arts than **Douglas Lochhead,** who has made significant contributions to the culture of New Brunswick in his role as poet, scholar, professor, editor and librarian." So said the president of the New Brunswick Writers' Federation, Laurence Hutchman, on nominating this distinguished poet. Based in Sackville, New Brunswick, Mr. Lochhead a graduate of McGill University and the University of Toronto, has published nineteen volumes of poetry over a period of thirty years. The author of many articles and editor of many collections of Canadian literature and bibliography, Lochhead is now President of Gooselane Editions in Fredericton.

Ludmila Knezkova-Hussey is a gifted pianist with exceptional talents whose international career began in the Ukraine and led to a Doctorate in Music from Moscow's famed Tchaikovsky Conservatory. The winner of an international piano competition in Germany in 1989, she has held permanent positions as soloist with both the Carlsbad Symphony Orchestra and West Bohemian Orchestra, both of the Czech Republic, and has played as a soloist across much of Europe, as well as in Canada and the United States, Cuba and Australia. In 1993 she established the Ludmila Knezkova-Hussey International Piano Competition in Bathurst, New Brunswick, where she has shown great leadership in community cultural development. In 2000 Knezkova-Hussey was granted the International Order of Merit.

Normand Robichaud is an exemplary volunteer leader in community cultural development. Born in Barachois, N.B. he earned a doctorate in France before embarking on a university teaching career in New Brunswick and Ontario.
In 1980, Mr. Robichaud led a fight to preserve Barachois historic church from demolition. He had a vision to see for it a new and vital role within the cultural life of its community; He envisioned the church, with its fine acoustics, as a venue for music and theatre, with the sacristy as a gallery dedicated to artists of the region. Thanks to Mr. Robichaud's vision and help of a dedicated band of volunteers, the Église historique de Barachois is now a marvelous concert venue that has enlivened the community with high caliber concerts and performances.

A public awards ceremony will take place at the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow at the Lord Beaverbrook hotel. Everyone is welcome.

For more information about the Excellence Awards in the Arts program, visit:
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